

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Pam Bracker, and I am a Director of Clinical Materials at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, CA. In response to your request for public comment for the currently proposed Draft Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter Related Infections, I would like to offer my support of a change in the verbiage of the recommendation specifically for skin antisepsis.

Basically, I feel that any guideline should indicate the desired outcome, or study proven effect of any solution, rather than specifically identifying what the solution should be. When the guideline is very specific, it limits the introduction of new, possibly improved solutions, because they are not included in the guidelines. I have personally experienced situations where a good product became available, but since it achieved the desired results using a different solution, our Infection Control department would not accept it because it wasn't listed in the guidelines. This discourages the development of different and improved solutions.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly using the contact information below:

Best regards

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